Claims

1. A gas bag module comprising a module housing (12) and a covering cap (14), a side wall (15) on at least one of said module housing (12) and said covering cap (14),

an outer wall (16) of said covering cap defining a front side of said module and an outer wall (18) of said module housing (12) defining a rear side of said module, whereby an outlet direction (R) is given that runs from said rear side to said front side of said module,

said module housing (12) having first fastening elements (20) and said covering cap (14) having second fastening elements (22) which can be brought into engagement with said first fastening elements,

characterized in that said first and second fastening elements (20, 22) are arranged and aligned with respect to said side wall (15) such that an engagement of said first and second fastening elements (20, 22), which prevents an uncoupling of said covering cap (14) and of said module housing (12) in a gas bag outlet direction (R), comes about through a movement of said fastening elements (20, 22) relative to each other in a direction (E) that runs along said side wall (15) and transversely to said outlet direction (R).

2. The gas bag module according to Claim 1, characterized in that said engagement of said first and second fastening elements (20, 22) comes about through a translational, relative movement between said covering cap (14) as a whole and said module housing (12) as a whole, said movement occurring along said side wall (15) and transversely to said outlet direction (R).

3. The gas bag module according to Claim 1, characterized in that said engagement of said first and second fastening elements (20, 22) comes about through a rotary, relative movement between said covering cap (14) as a whole and said module housing (12) as a whole.

4. The gas bag module according to Claim 2, characterized in that said first and second fastening elements (20, 22) form a bayonet closure.

5. The gas bag module according to Claim 1, characterized in that at least one of said first and second fastening elements (20, 22) are arranged on said side wall (15).

6. The gas bag module according to Claim 1, characterized in that said first fastening elements (20) are constructed in the form of straps and said second fastening elements (22) are constructed in the form of hooks.

7. The gas bag module according to Claim 1, characterized in that on said covering cap (14; 140) and on said module housing (12; 120), in addition to said first and second fastening elements (20, 22), securing latching elements are provided by which, when said first and second fastening elements (20, 22) are in engagement with each other, a securing latching connection (24, 26) is formed through which said covering cap (14; 140) is secured on said module housing (12; 120).

8. The gas bag module according to Claim 7, characterized in that said securing latching connection (24, 26) is realized by depressions (26) formed on said module housing (12; 120) and by projections (24) formed on said second fastening elements (22).

9. The gas bag module according to Claims 7, characterized in that said securing latching connection (24, 26) is established by a relative movement of said securing latching elements in a direction substantially perpendicular to said side wall (15) and to said outlet direction (R).